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To the Official Draftsman:

Submitted herewith are two sheets of formal drawings correcting the informalities noted by the Draftsman in the PTO-948 attached to the Corrected Notice of Allowance mailed December 10, 2003. Figure 2 is corrected as required, and a replacement Figure 1 is also submitted at this time (without any substantive changes) to provide more uniform stylistic aspects (font, linewidths and the like) of both drawings.

In the event any other matter is found to require attention, a telephone call or Fax to the below-signed attorney is requested so that he may expeditiously address such matter.

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